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**BEARKAT**

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# Foreword

It is a pleasure to present this volume of "The Bearkat" which has been produced through the efforts of the annual staff, with the cooperation of the faculty, students, friends and the advertising of local and surrounding business concerns. Through the scenes and the pictures our fellow students may our schoolday memories return as we enter a brighter and more peaceful future.

THE STAFF  
*L. C. Platt*  
Editor-in-Chief



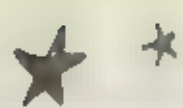


## *Dedication*

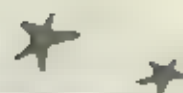
To Mrs. Veigh Miller, whose leadership, friendliness, and understanding have won the confidence and admiration of all, and whose efforts have made this book possible, we proudly dedicate this 1946 Bearkat.







# *In Memoriam*



W. A. (Sonny) Jones  
Class of '34



Frank Lowery, Jr.  
Class of '36



Benton Lewis  
Class of '37



Autrey Martin  
Class of '37









Wayne Meadows  
Class of '37



Norman Walker  
Class of '38

## *In Memoriam*



Eugene Miller  
Class of '41



Jack Kelly  
Class of '36—Beaumont



Arnold West



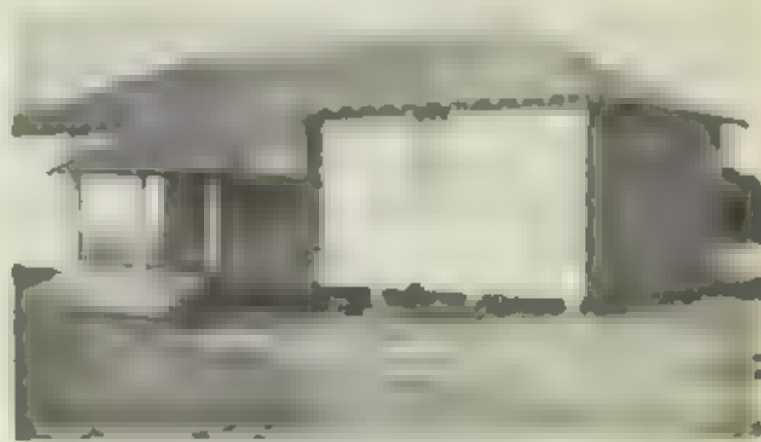
*The Doorway  
To  
Opportunity*







# *Elementary School Buildings*



## *School Board*



E. T. McGraw



Calvin J. Smith  
President



W. J. McMahon  
Secretary



Ogden Freeman



M. D. Erwin



A. B. Chapman





# A Message From

## Our Superintendent



The Bearkat is a symbol of the high attributes and ideals of the Burkeville school. The staff, first, is to be highly commended for its unstinted efforts and leadership in the production of the annual. The success could not have been achieved without the wholehearted cooperation of the faculty and the student body. This concerted effort will be awarded, not only in the pages of this book, but the good will and the principles set forth herein will go out and grow in the minds and memories of all who find moments to enjoy its pages.

In the years that will come I feel sure you will remember that: Success is due to backbone and not wishbone.

Sincerely,

J. E. Miller





**FACULTY**





# Faculty



J. E. Miller, B. S.  
Superintendent  
Science

Veigh Miller, B S.  
Principal High School  
Commerce



Nonie L. Jackson, B.S.  
Home Economics

W. B. Miller, B.S.  
Agriculture



H. H. Miller  
History - Math

Pauline Hines, B.S.  
English





# Faculty



Tera Dickerson  
Principal Elementary School  
Seventh Grade

Mary Clark  
Sixth Grade

Lillie Miller  
Fifth Grade

Thelma Gasway  
Third and Fourth Grades

Vonie Mae Sheffield  
Second and Third Grades

Hazel P. Zorn, B.S.  
First Grade







محمد شمس الدین

میں نے اپنے دوستوں کو  
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SENIORS



# Seniors

L. C. Platt, Jr.

"This is grand! tis solemn! tis an  
education of itself to look upon."  
Cooper

R. V. Langley

"She neglects her heart who stu-  
dies her glass."  
Von Knebel



Martha Jane Lee

"The fairest garden in her looks  
and in her mind the wisest books."  
Cowley

Elwood Smith

"Kindness in women, not their  
beautous looks, shall win my love."  
Shakespeare



Marjorie Erwin

"Friendship is the marriage of the  
soul,"  
Voltaire

Earlyene Smith

"Virtue is not left to stand alone.  
He who practices it will have  
neighbors."  
Confucius



Dewie Ross

"Handsome is as handsome does."  
Goldsmith

Maxine McGraw

"Her voice was ever soft, gentle  
and low, an excellent thing in  
women,"  
Shakespeare





# Seniors

K. W. Smith

"He makes a July day short as  
December."

Shakespeare

Ira Nee Nichols

"She is a winsome wee thing  
She is a handsome wee thing  
She is a bonny wee thing  
This sweet girl o' mine."

Burns

Clemmons Davis

"Above our life we love a stead-  
fast friend."

Marlowe

Ernest Rogers

"For men may come and men may  
go, but I go on forever."

Tennyson

Mattie B. Holmes

"I know everything except myself."  
Vildon

Etta Lee Craig

"Life what art thou without love."  
Moore

Dorothy Simmons

"The mildest manners and the gen-  
tlest heart."

Homer

Ruth Wilson

"All we ask is to be alone."

Davis









Something funny?



Cannibals!



Gossip,



No Comment



Dignified?

# SENIORS



President



Vice-President



Sponsor



Secretary



Treasurer



Taking it easy



Now, now, Boys!



Watcha draggin' maxine?



Our Herds



Look at Ernest!



Stuck up



Ah! Love!



Such affection!





# Class History

President Roosevelt had established by 1934 the New Deal and the depression had begun to ease. This same eventful year the Senior Class at Burkeville High School of 1945-46 started on the pathway to education. Many were in different schools, but we all had about the same fights and good times.

We gradually grew in stature and knowledge and finally in 1942 we found ourselves under the same school roof. There were many of us in one room at that time so the roof was probably a little bulged.

Our main sport was basketball which field we entered in our freshman year and after four years of ups and downs we have many pleasant memories.

The freshman and sophomore years passed swiftly. By the time we reached the Junior Class, we were thoroughly broken into high school life and had obtained courage to be mean—dealing the Seniors the most misery. The Junior play, "Heart Trouble," was a success, and our banquet honoring the Seniors of 1945 will well be remembered for many years.

The Junior Class honored the Seniors of 46 with a banquet on March 22 which will long be remembered as one of the last big events of our happy high school days.

Our final appearance before graduation was made on April 12 when we presented "Busy as a Beaver," a farce comedy with a cast of thirteen. The proceeds of this play helped us to defray the expense of the long looked forward to Senior Trip which was made on April 26.

This, our last year in "dear old Burkeville High School," has been pleasant and smooth running. On Sunday, May 12, we solemnly but proudly entered the high school auditorium as graduates for the Barbauld-Late Sermon. This memorable occasion impressed us with the deep responsibility which is ours in serving our fellowmen. The climax was reached on May 17 when we, the Class of 1946, happy but sad, met together for the last time—Commencement Night.



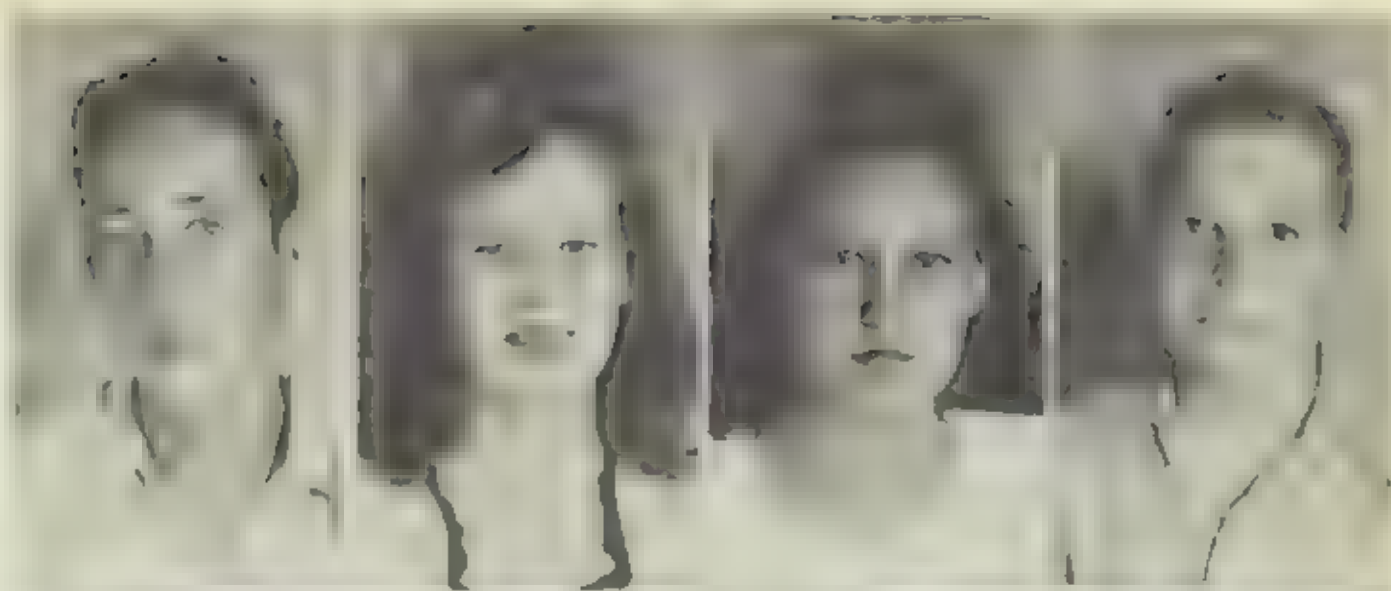




JUNIORS



# *Juniors*



Prentice Dlard, Gracie Rudd Edren Clark, Hode Gunter, Don Evans, Mable Ann Taley, Velma Mier, Sue Newby, Coy Brack, Charles Griffen Stanley, Claudia Miller, Mildred Tompkins, Kathryn Watson, Haywood Bordeaux, Roy Milton Miller, Eton Marshal, Joe Dan Taley, Tommy Lindsey, Ear Carlton Russell



# - JUNIORS -



... ..



teacher



Some of the gang



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Blog time



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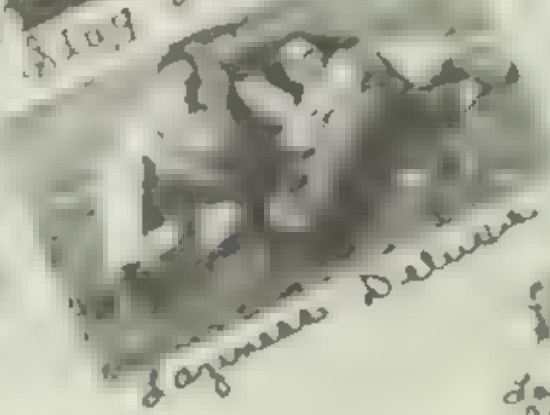
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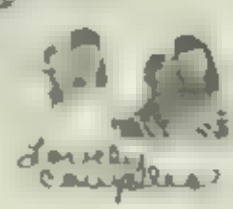
Class Officers



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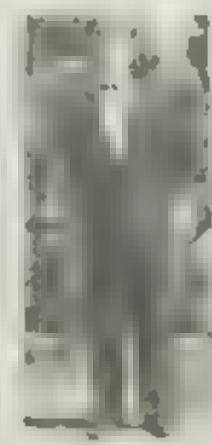


We kids

## "Oh! Susan"



The Entire cast



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# SOPHOMOTRIES



# Sophomores

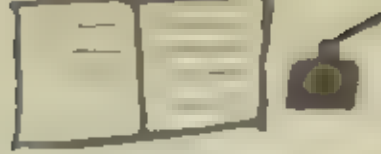


Mattox Rogers, Velma Holmes, Elizabeth Henry, Mary Helen Holmes, Billy Joe Mafouz, Burnett Low, Mary Alice McGraw, Louise Smith, Marie Harpison, Harold Erwin, James Henry Danwood, James Meeey, Martin Lou Mullin, Cyril Lindsey, Terrence Smith.





# Sophomores



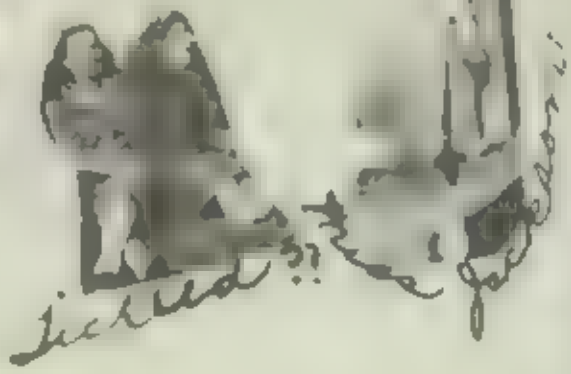
What's coming?

Prep



She's High !!!

Heart eyes



Licked?



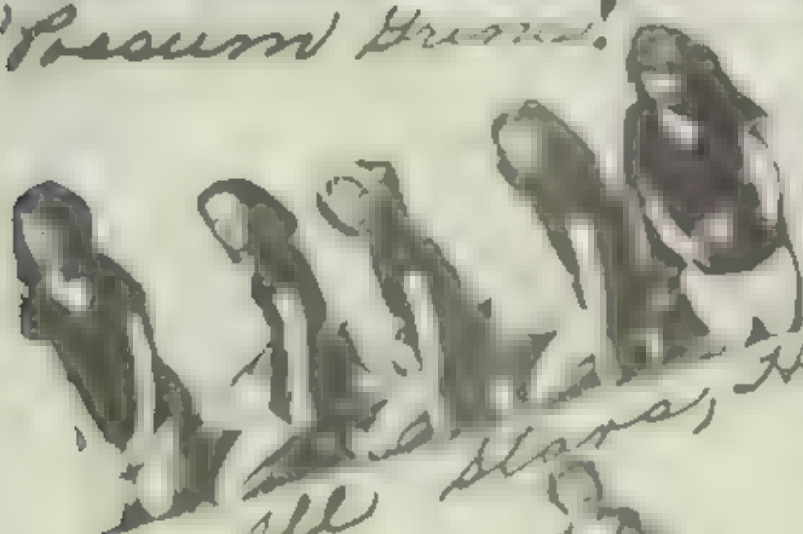
"Day Montage"



Presumptions!



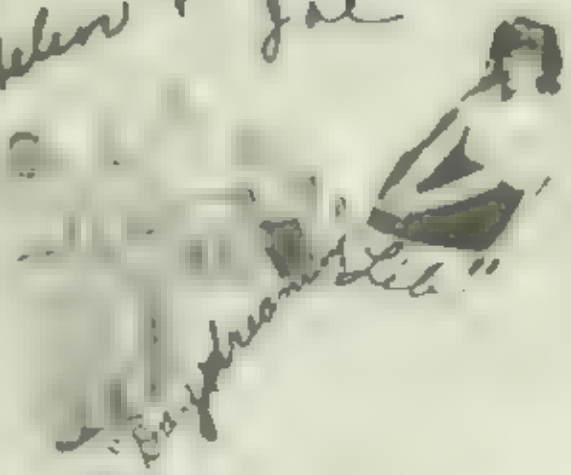
Smile, please.



all stars, huh!

Helen & Joe

"Bitch"



"Bitch"

What's up  
Days?



loafing again"



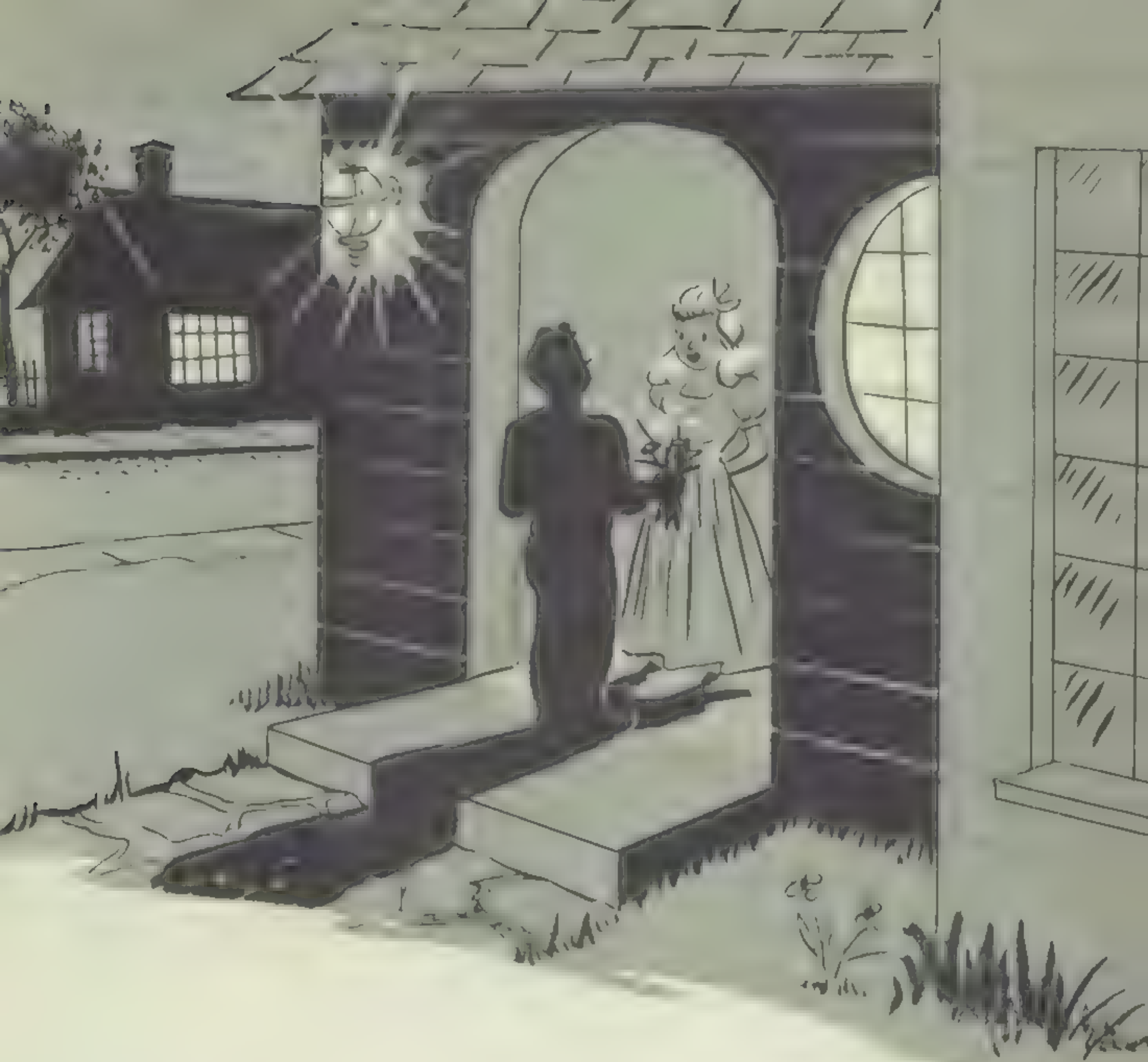
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Having Fun?



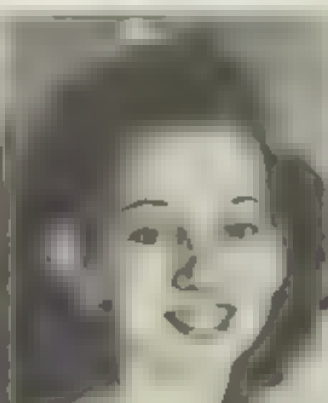
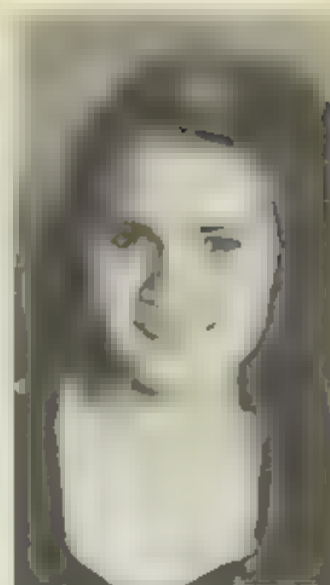




FRESHMEN



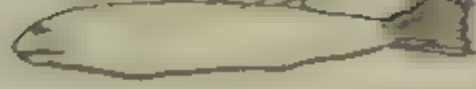
# Freshmen



Mary Lou Hall, Nelva Phelps, Yvonne Strickland, Charles E. Dickerson, Doris Smith, Octavene Miller, Bly Jo Griggs, J. W. Simmons, Mary Elizabeth Goff, Edice Woods, Imogene Lindsey, James Odom, Ruth Marshall, Claude Miller, B. D. Langley, Melvin Woods.



# Fresh men



best hair style of 1940



He'll do it every time

The "Old Yung"



He is the one  
adorable things



There is an extra pair



That's him.



Very interesting



Dear friend



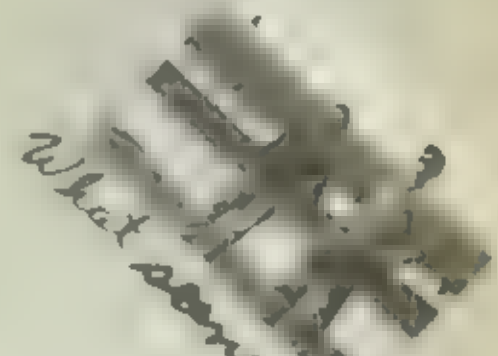
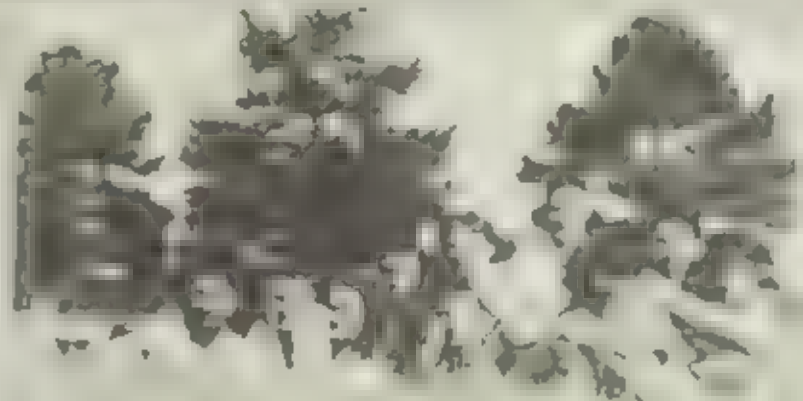
It's been a long long time



sing for the camera



8 days ago



What a story!

you've got him!

Baby face  
Believe it

Oh, Boy!



what's the prop?



The usual thing



an auto bed



Three of em.



Reconversion  
for a change.

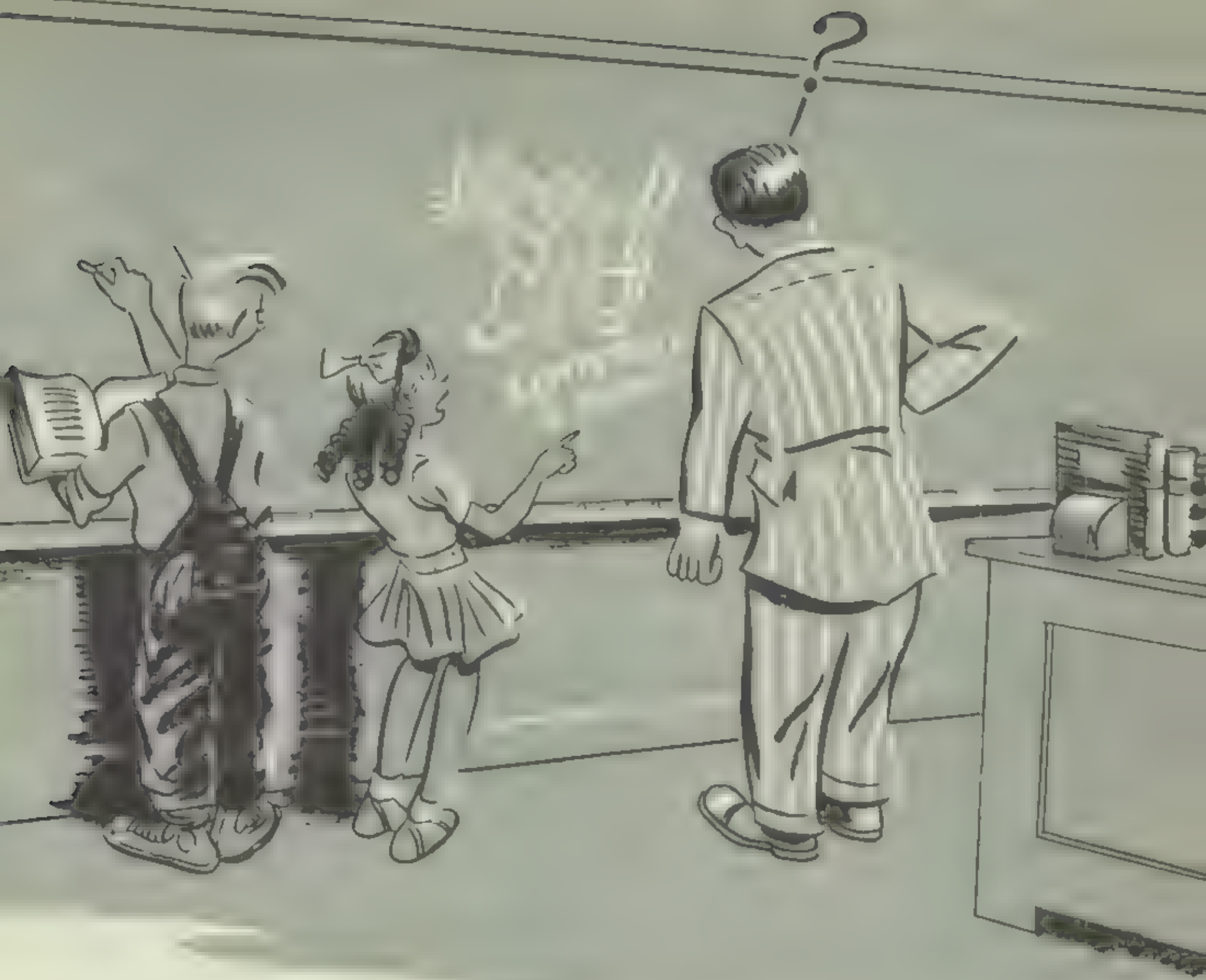
not to my beauty

Wanted!!









ELEMENTARY



# *Eighth Grade*

Mary Helen Simmons  
Burton Weeks  
Wanda Franklin



M. D. Erwin  
Lillie Helen Gunter  
Elroy Conn



Carlos Rogers  
Juanell Erzen  
Billy Dillard



Lloyd Conn  
Patsy Mullin  
"Buddy" Holmes



Charles Gunter  
Homer Mae Clark  
Jimmy Dale Smith



Jay Dixie Smith  
Marie McCraw  
Donald Franklin





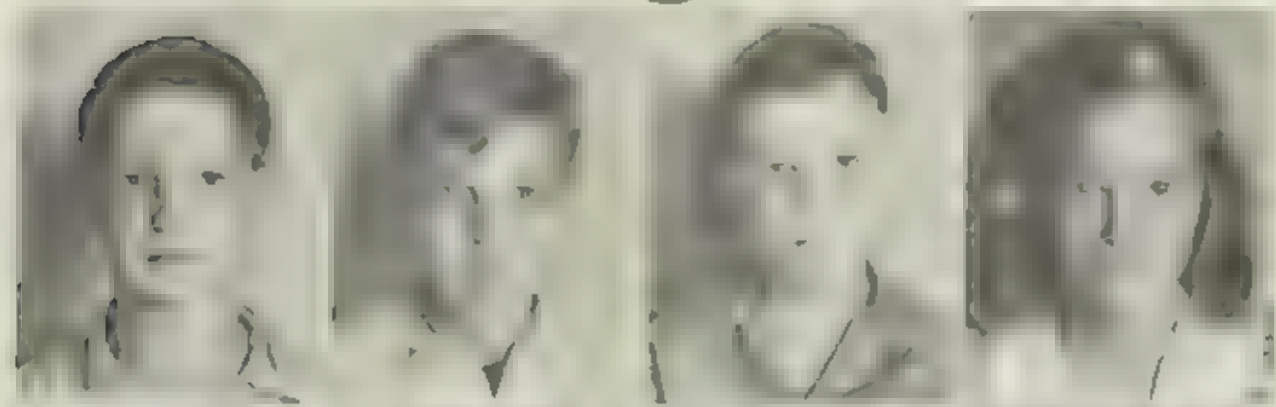
# Seventh Grade







# *Sixth Grade*





# *Fifth Grade*





*Third and  
Fourth Grade*







*Second and  
Third Grades*

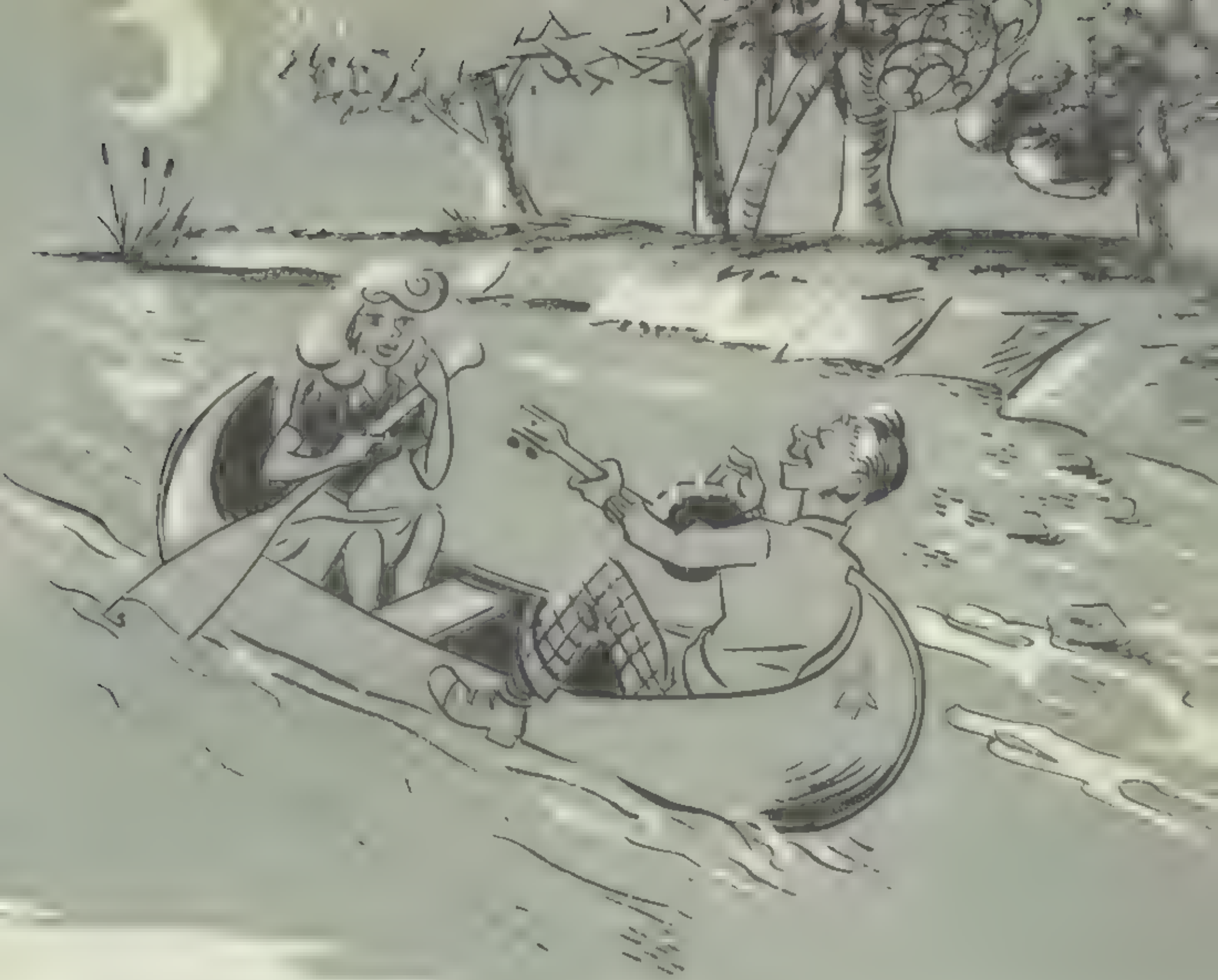




# *First Grade*



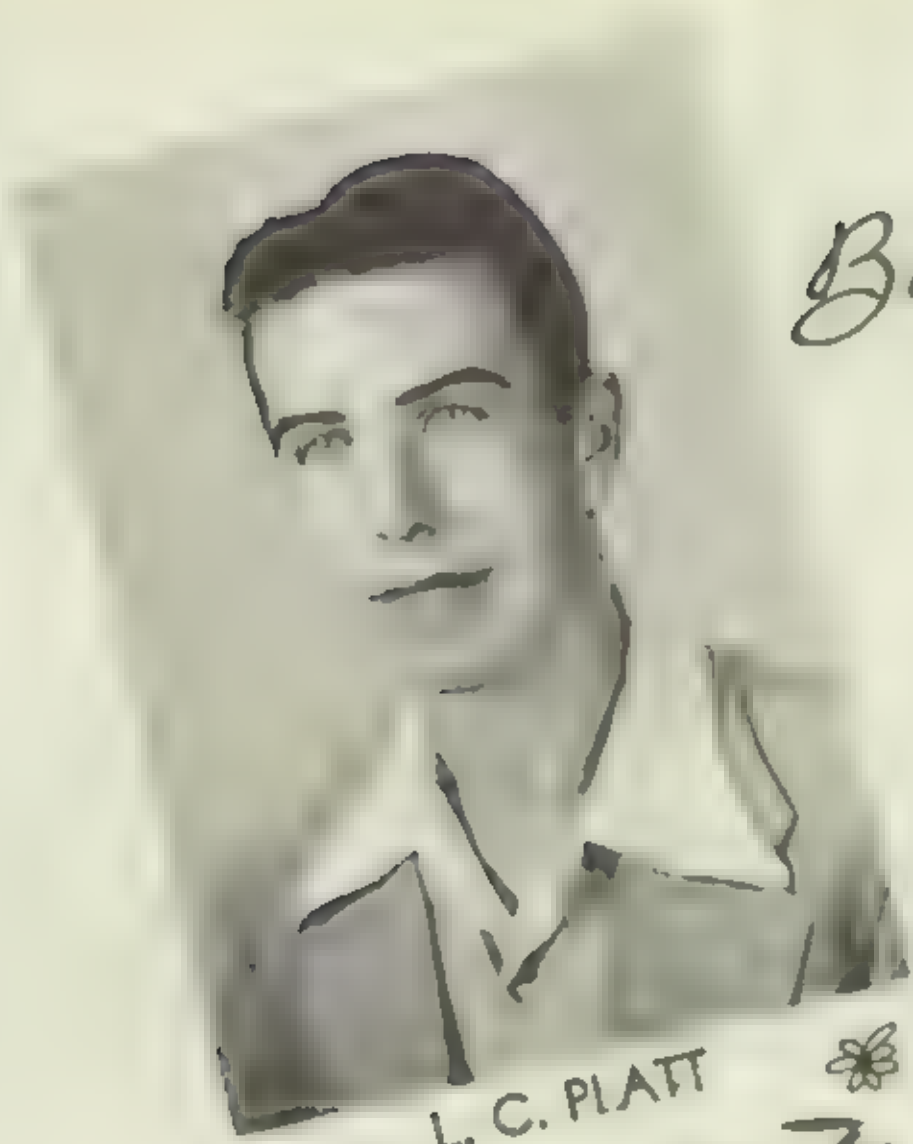




# FAVORITES







*Best All-Around  
Boy*

L. C. PLATT



*Best All-Around  
Girl*



MARJORIE ERWIN



## *Most Popular*



RAY MILTON MILLER



SUE NEWBY

## *Most Attractive*



MARY HELEN HOLMES



COY BRACK





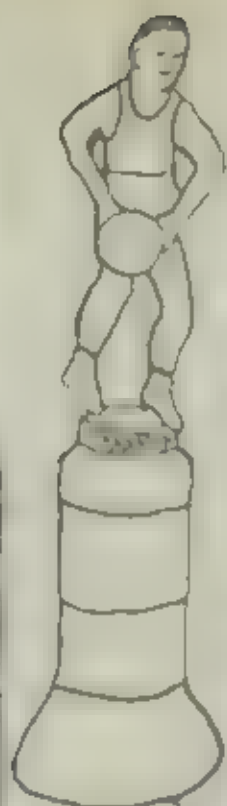
# ATHLETICS



# Basketball Girls



Erwin



Coach Miller



Newby



McGraw



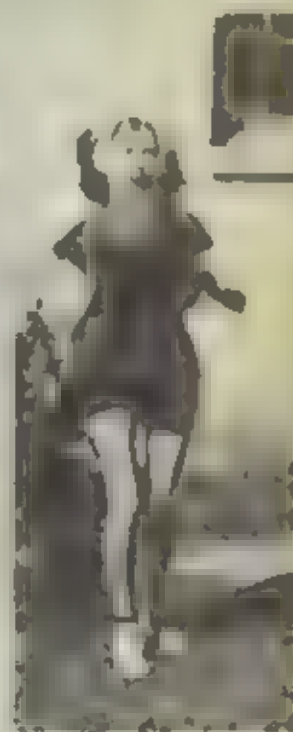
Talley



Holmes



Clark



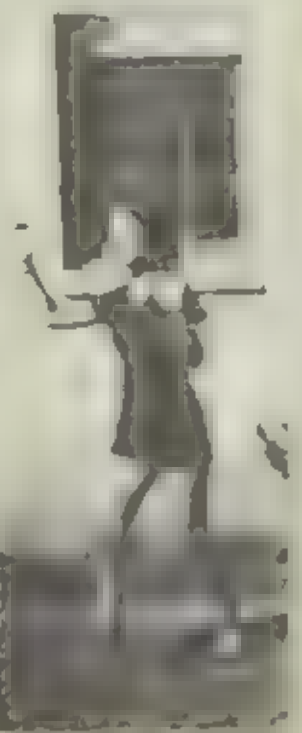
Henry



Tompkins



Miller



McGraw



Holmes



Harbison



Holmes





# Summary Of Basketball

The girls' basketball team of 1945-46 had a very successful year.

## THE "A" TEAM PLAYERS ARE:

F—Marjorie Erwin, Captain .	Senior
F—Maxine McGraw	Senior
F—Sue Newby	Junior
G—Mattie B. Holmes	Senior
G—Mabel A. Taley	Junior
G—Eileen Clark	Junior
F—Elizabeth Henry	Sophomore
G—Claude Miller	Junior
G—Mildred Tompkins .	Junior
G—Mary Elizabeth Goff	Freshman

## RECORD OF GAMES

Burkeville vs.		
Kirbyville at Burkeville	17	05
Pineland at Burkeville	27	08
Kirbyville at Kirbyville	18	17
Buna at Buna	09	23
Town Team .	29	10
Deweyville at Burkeville	17	14
Bleakwood at Bleakwood	11	22
Town Team .	26	10
Town Team .	23	07
Newton at Newton	18	18
Pineland at Pineland	44	13
Jasper at Jasper	17	04
Brookland at Burkeville	27	07
Buna at Burkeville	17	14
Bleakwood at Burkeville	16	32
Deweyville at Deweyville	18	12
Burkeville Tournament Games:		
Kirbyville	19	15
Pineland .	49	13
Buna	19	35



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# Basketball Boys

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"Cush"



Coach Bill



"Ace"



"Bardo"



"Rogers"



"Griffin"



"Albert"



"Talley"



"Bully"



"Aaron"



"K. W."



"Blue"



"Tommy"



# Bearkats Basketball

## Season Of 1945-46

At the first of the season a group of eight schools met and formed a basketball league. The teams included were Burkeville, Buna, Deweyville, Breakwood, Newton, Brookland, Kirbyville and Jasper. Each team was to play a home game and a return game with every other team in the league. The District was held at Kirbyville. Although Burkeville did not win the tournament, they were fairly successful in their games of the season. The scores are given below.

### DISTRICT GAMES

Burkeville vs:

Pineland at Burkeville .....	15	10
Buna at Buna .....	06	34
Deweyville at Burkeville .....	20	15
Breakwood at Breakwood .....	2	10
Newton at Newton .....	0	17
Pineland at Pineland .....	16	23
Brookland at Brookland .....	25	27
Buna at Burkeville .....	1	18
Breakwood at Burkeville .....	16	23
Breakwood at Burkeville .....	16	16
Deweyville at Deweyville .....	36	21

### OTHER GAMES

Burkeville vs:

Kirbyville at Burkeville .....	16	18
Kirbyville at Kirbyville .....	18	22
Jasper at Burkeville .....	25	20

### TOURNAMENT GAMES

Burkeville vs:

Big Sandy at Jasper Tournament .....	15	51
Pineland at Jasper Tournament .....	16	22
Newton at Burkeville Tournament .....	19	17
Jasper at Burkeville Tournament .....	19	17
Jasper at Burkeville Tournament .....	13	19
Bronson at District Tournament .....	30	16
Brookland at District Tournament .....	23	27







# ACTIVITIES





# *Burkeville-Wiergate Parent-Teacher Association*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pauline Hines	President
Thelma Russell	Vice-President
Thelma Gasaway	Secretary
Ida Wright .....	Treasurer

## CHAIRMEN

Zadie McGraw ...	Program
Vale Talley .	Membership
Mildred Burnham	Hospitality
Hazel Zorn ..	Study Course
Lily Miller	Summer Round-up
Rose Smith	.. Finance
Lavelle Jones ..	Recreation
Grace Lee	High School Room Mothers
Louise Jackson .	..... Music
Marie Freeman .	Elementary Room Mothers
Veigh Miller	Publication
Annie Bordeaux	Historian
J. E. Miller .....	..... Parliamentarian
Tera Dickerson	Principal, Elementary School





# CORONATION



Pianoist



Prince and Princesses



Archbishop



Junior, Senior  
Dukes and Duchesses



Freshman, Sophomore  
Dukes & Duchesses



Queen Sue and King James



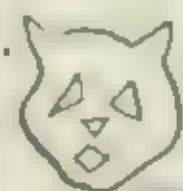
Tribunes



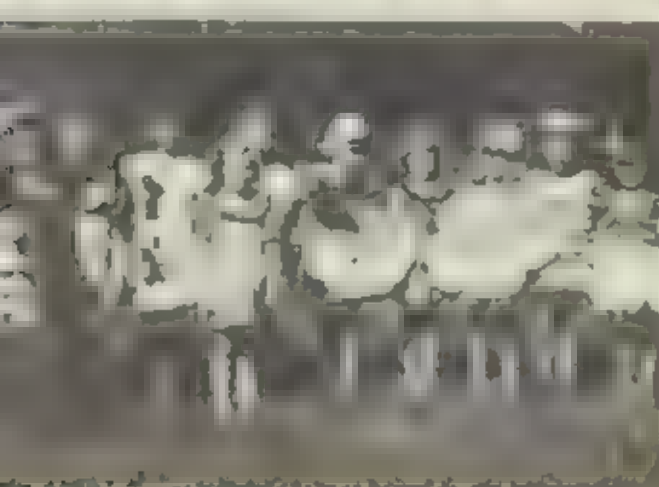
Flowerland Court



Herald



Butterflies



Flowers

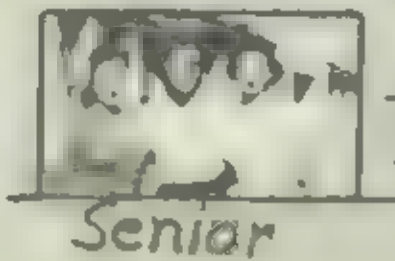
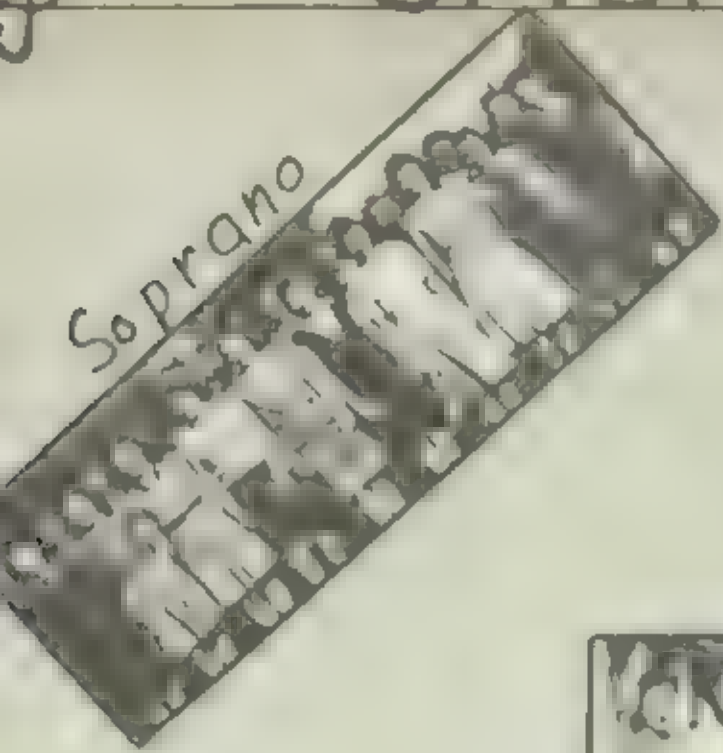


Fairies

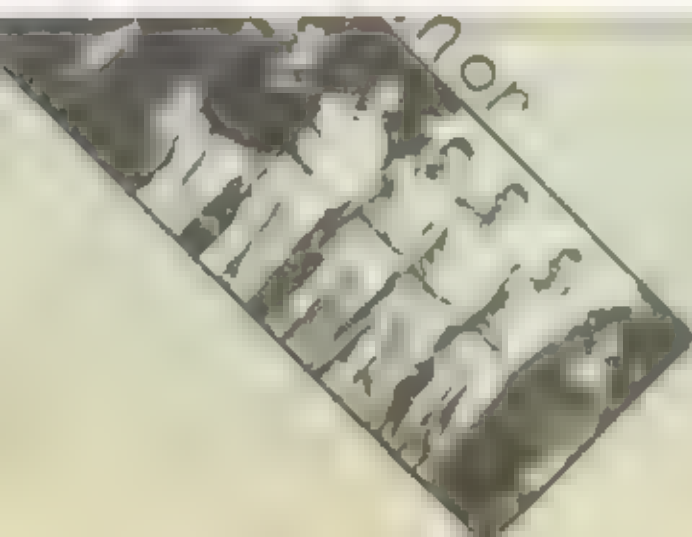




# CHORAL CLUB



Trios







# Roster Of The Burkeville High School Choral Club

Sonny Bordeaux  
Edren Clark  
Etta Lee Craig  
Commons Davis  
James Henry Dainwood  
Charles E. Dickerson  
Don Evans  
Nettie Beth Fort  
Gordon Gilley  
E. J. Craig  
Mary Elizabeth Goff  
Myrtle Hall  
Marie Harbison  
Elizabeth Henry  
Mary Helen Holmes  
Velma Holmes  
Mary Lou Hall

B. D. Langley  
Melba Langley  
R. V. Langley  
Imogene Langley  
Ruth Marshall  
Mary Alice McGraw  
Claudell Miller  
Claudia Miller  
Octavene Miller  
Ray Milton Miller  
Verna Miller  
Martin Lew Mullin  
Sue Newby  
Ira Nee Nichols  
James Odom  
Nelva Phelps  
Gracie Rudd

J. W. Simmons  
Yvonne Strickland  
Cynthia Marie Simmons  
Earlyene Smith  
Earl Smith  
Tishie Smith  
K. W. Smith  
Elwood Smith  
Charles G. Stanley  
Mabel Ann Toney  
Margaret Tompkins  
Ada Mae Watson  
Kathryn Watson  
Ruth Wilson  
Edice Woods  
Melvin Woods

## TRIOS

### SENIOR GIRLS

R. V. Langley  
Sue Newby  
Earlyene Smith

### JUNIOR GIRLS

Tishie Smith  
Edice Woods  
Octavene Miller

## BOYS QUARTET

Charles E. Dickerson High Tenor  
James Henry Dainwood Baritone

Don Evans Alto  
Ray Milton Miller Bass

## ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR

Presentation of a Cantata  
"The Light of Men".  
December 19, 1945  
Baptist Church

Director . . . Mrs. Pauline Hines





Ruth Marshall, Claudel Miller, Mary E. Giff, Miss Jackson, Sponsor, Imogene Lindsey, Edna Woods, Doris Smith, Octavene Miller, Ann M. Watson, Nerva Phelps, Mary Lou Hall, Nettie B. Fort, B. D. Langley, Billie J. Griggs.

## *Future Homemakers*



Marie Harrison, Thelie Smith, Mary A. McGraw, Miss Jackson, Sponsor, Dorothy Simmons, Velma Holmes, Elizabeth Henry, Mary H. Holmes.



# Future Homemakers

The Homemaking classes of 1945-46 have accomplished much in their work with the aid of Miss Nonie L. [unclear] their sponsor. During the preparations for the Halloween Cornucopia the Home Economics girls assisted with the decorations for the "Royal Court".

The second year girls honored the faculty with an informal luncheon through which they gained experience in planning, cooking and serving a meal. Girls from both first and second year classes assisted with the serving at the Father-Son Banquet given by the F. F. A. and the Junior-Senior Banquet sponsored by the Junior Class.

During the second semester the girls of the Home Economics classes studied color combinations, the different weaves of materials, and dyed some luncheon sets. These luncheon sets were placed on display.

As an improvement to the cottage the girls made new draperies for the living room and kitchen. They brought curtain material for the living room, and to show that they were economical, they block-printed curtains for the kitchen. Each girl also made a cotton and a silk dress which she modeled on "Vista on Night".







Future Farmers



On lovers' bench?



Work? Shop!



Spices of our Club



Meat in the barrow



"Contented"



Lard-Bucket



Saws for our little neighbors



That's all of us!



Checks for the banquet

"Let us call you Sweetheart"



Poor little thing

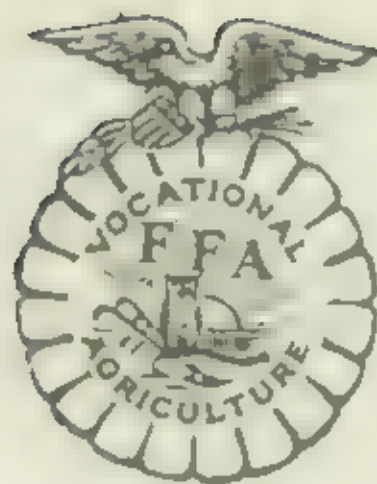


Looking for the "Birdie"



Officer in charge





## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The teaching of Vocational Agriculture was re-established in Burkeville High School in 1940. With the systematic teaching of agriculture, the high school boys were privileged to organize the Future Farmers of America. The Burkeville Chapter, along with three other Chapters, form the Newton Chapter District. The Chapter is in Area I in the Texas Association of F. F. A.

The Chapter varies its programs and its objective each year to best serve the needs of the community and its members. The program for 1945-46 and the committees responsible for each objective is briefly given below.

### I. SUPERVISED FARMING

- A. Repairing Farm buildings
- B. Improving orchards

### II. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

- A. Fed out broilers for banquet
- B. Fed out hogs for market

### III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

- A. Preventing livestock disease
- B. Beautifying Campus

### IV. LEADERSHIP ACT

- A. Public speaking contest
- B. Publish school-community paper
- C. Entered district contest
- D. Carried on F. F. A. meetings
- E. Sponsor Father and Son Banquet

### V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

- A. Sponsored sweetheart contest
- B. Sold carbon oil
- C. Sold peanuts and popcorn

### VI. CONDUCTING OF MEETINGS

- A. Training of officers
- B. Develop a written program for the Chapters

### VII. SCHOLARSHIP

- A. Improve scholarship
- B. Reading improvement

### VIII. RECREATION

- A. Chapter encampment for district
- B. F. F. A. basketball tournament
- C. Attended Beaumont Fair
- D. Attended Houston Fat Stock Show
- E. Serving at Regular F. F. A. Meeting



# Annual Staff



The Chief



The Assistant



Assistant of my  
punch card



Our typical? could be

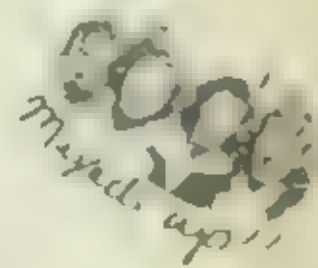
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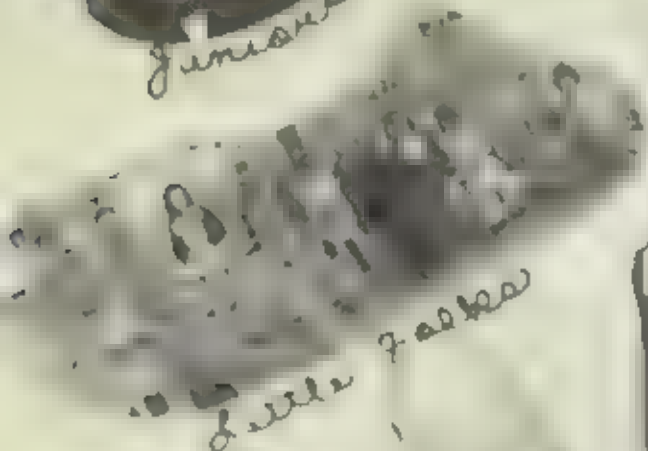
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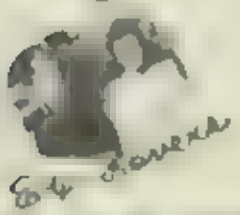
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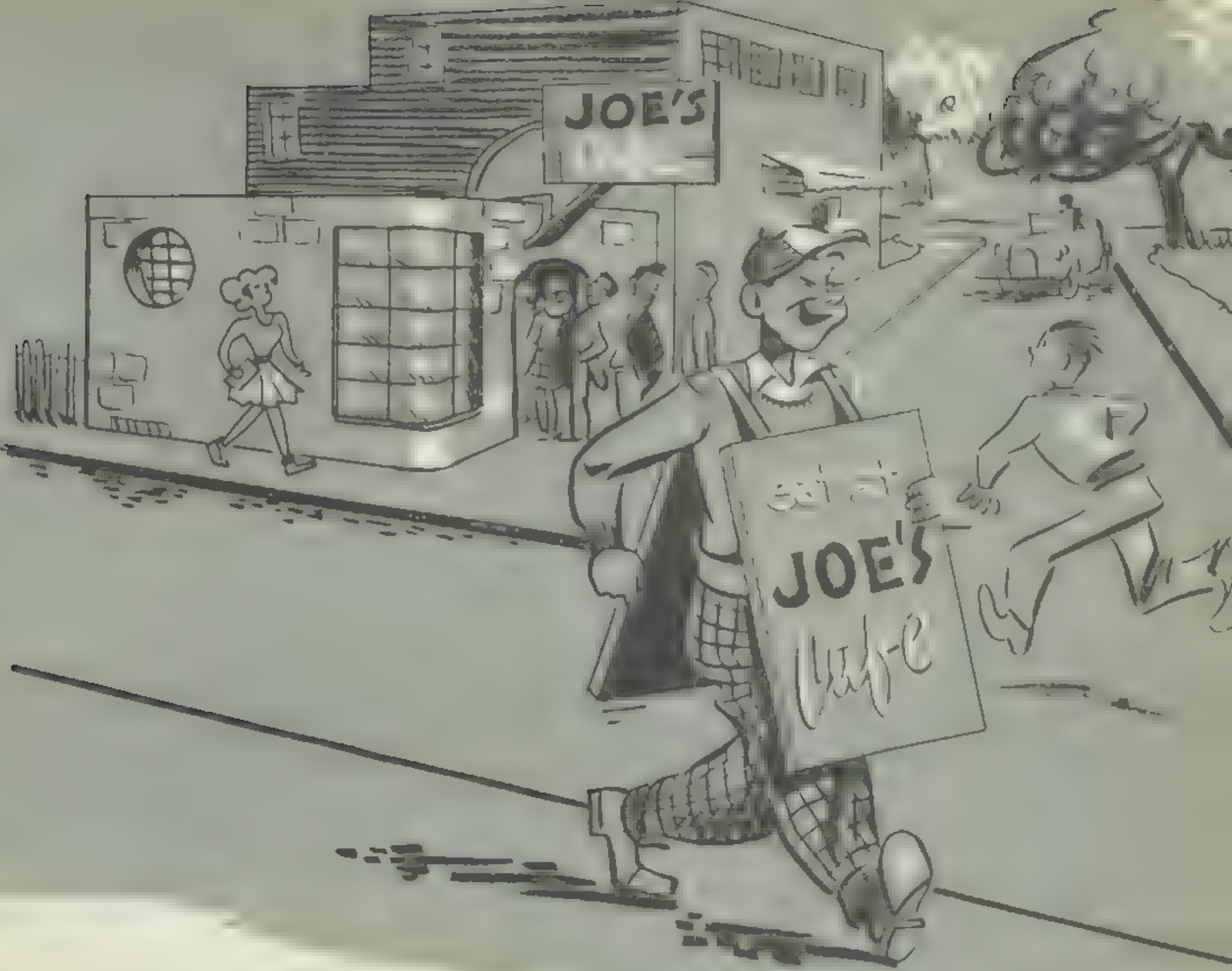
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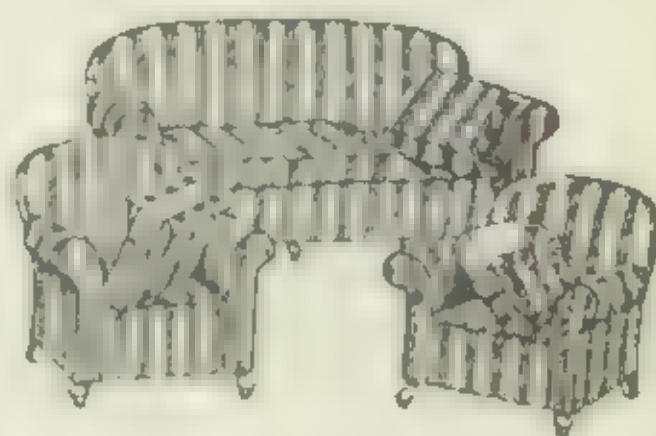
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